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<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION</u>

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2002, issued in connection with the above-referenced application. The Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to change any fees which may be due in connection with this Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2051.

In responding to this First Office Action, Applicant has used the new amendment format as described in 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Please substitute claims 1 and 15 for the pending claims having the same claim numbers.

(Amended) 1. A method for producing an extended-release composition comprising mixing acarbose with a sustained release matrix to create said composition, such that said acarbose and sustained release matrix are combined to form a mixture.